

The Weather.

Snow tonight and Saturday; rising temperature; temperature tonight about 5 degrees above zero. Temperature at 7 a. m., 7; at 3:30, 2.
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FAVORS REPEAL OF BANKRUPTCY LAW: FEB. 20 DATE OF SWAYNE HEARING

Congressional Act May
Wipe Out Relief for
Debtors.

JUDGE FILES ANSWER

Upholds Charge Made Outside
District in Impeach-
ment Trial.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house committee on judiciary today ordered a favorable report on the Clayton bill repealing the bankruptcy laws.

Resumes Impeachment Trial.
Washington, Feb. 3.—At 12:30 the senate resumed the impeachment case of Judge Swayne.

An order for the method of procedure was adopted. John M. Thurston, counsel for Swayne, then read the latter's answer to the articles of impeachment. The answer is a very lengthy document.

Justifies Expense.
Swayne's answer justified the charge of \$10 a day for expenses while holding court outside his district, saying such an allowance was intended to be fixed by law, and so accepted by the other judges.

Feb. 20 Date Trial.
At the conclusion of the reading of the answer, Feb. 20 was set as the date as the beginning of the regular trial and the senate resumed legislative business.

Postoffice Bill Passes.
Washington, Feb. 3.—The house today passed the postoffice appropriation bill, which carried \$189,787,900.

ADJT. GEN. BELL RANTS IN REPORT

Colorado's Labor Unions Denounced by
Ex-Gov. Peabody's Military Assistant
in Remarkable Manner.

Denver, Col., Feb. 3.—"Military necessity recognizes no laws, either civil or social," says Adj. Gen. Bell in his biennial report made public today.

The report contains some extraordinary sentiments expressed in an extraordinary collection of words. As a piece of literature it is unique. The following are verbatim quotations:

"As military commander, the authority and dignity of the state of Colorado were at all times upheld and asserted in seeking to ameliorate a condition of dynamite, murder and assassination, under the guise of labor, that was intolerable.

"Autocratic in name, political in its grafts, and speculative in its incorporated trusts," not the union recognized to associate with working improvement in the condition of the honest working people of the state, their wives and families' betterment, but fire-eating socialists and anarchists fired by an un-American press, the whole outfit will some day cause the lawmakers to both suppress and banish beyond the state line, such action becoming a citizens' necessity by the protection and welfare of the individual who labors for wages, whom individually and collectively I have had the highest respect and regard for as well for their happiness and prosperity."

NEBRASKA'S GRAFT CHARGES

Lincoln Editor is Called to Answer
Allegations of Lobbying.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 3.—Speaker Rouse of the Nebraska house yesterday appointed a committee to investigate charges of undue influence by an alleged railroad lobbyist. The action following the summoning before the bar of the house of H. T. Dobbins, editor of the Evening News, to explain an article appearing in the paper, said to reflect on a member. The house, however, voted against an immediate hearing.

STAY SINGLE THREE YEARS

Restriction Texas Proposes Placing on
Those Seeking Divorce.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 2.—The lower house of the legislature today passed the senate bill forcing persons giving ground for action in divorce cases to remain single for three years, other parties to the divorce to remain single a year.

Belgian Miners Strike.

Mons, Belgium, Feb. 3.—About 14,000 coal miners struck today for higher wages.

CREST OF COLD WAVE PASSES EASTWARD: WEST, HOWEVER, STILL SUFFERS SEVERELY

A BAD BLIZZARD BEING EXPERIENCED TO THE SOUTHWEST—
TEMPERATURE AWAY DOWN AT PITTSBURG AND
GAS SUPPLY SHORT.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The crest of the cold wave has passed east. The mercury here today touched 10 below zero, and then climbed slowly up. Notwithstanding it is moderating throughout the west and northwest low temperatures continue. The weather bureau predicts warmer weather with snow during the next 24 hours.

32 Below at La Crosse.
At La Crosse, Wis., it was two degrees colder than yesterday, the thermometer registering 32 below. A blizzard is prevailing throughout Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, with below zero temperatures in Missouri and Kansas.

Pittsburg Hit Hard.
Pittsburg, Feb. 3.—The coldest weather in six years was experienced early today in this city and vicinity, the mercury ranging from 7 to 16 below zero. Owing to a bad break in a gas main in West Virginia a gas shortage is general all over the country. Intense suffering resulted and a number of manufacturing plants were obliged to quit work.

HAVE KILLED 300 IS CAUCUS AFFAIR

Official List of Victims of Police
and Soldiers at
Warsaw.

MANY OTHERS NOT IDENTIFIED

Clashes With Strikers Continue and
Number of Dead and Wounded
Grows.

Warsaw, Feb. 3.—Serious disorders have broken out at Lodz where 25,000 men are striking. Some of the employees left the factory and attempted to return to work, but the remainder forcibly prevented them. A strong military patrol was summoned and attacked and fired at the strikers who replied with revolver shots. It is reported over the telephone the firing still continued at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Strikes were started this morning in the coal districts of Dombrowa and Sosnowice.

300 Dead On List.
According to the best information obtainable the official list of persons killed during the disturbances here contains over 300 names in addition to many unidentified bodies lying at the receiving vault in the cemetery.

A group of soldiers outside a liquor store last night fired on passersby without warning, killing a shopkeeper and wounding another man.

Strikers Again Fired On.
Lodz, Feb. 3.—In a conflict between troops and strikers at Kunitzer factory today the soldiers fired, killing six persons and wounding 48.

Shooting also occurred at the Kellar lace factory.

Gorky Not Released.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The report of Maxim Gorky's release is incorrect. Three of the eight members of the delegation to Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky, arrested Jan. 21, have been released provisionally pending an investigation.

"DOVE" A SUICIDE, SAYS NOTE

Police Think It Too Cold to Drag for
Murderer.

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 3.—William Parker, of 115 South Bluff street, took to the police station a cap found on the west end of the Jefferson street bridge over the river, together with a note, which read:

"This ends all. DOVE."
The note was on a piece of white scrap paper and written in a scrawling hand. Capt. Murphy thought it too cold to drag the river for the body of the murderer of Chauffeur Bate.

NAVY YARD ROBBER SHOT

Guard at Brooklyn Kills One Man,
Confederates Escaping.

New York, Feb. 3.—James Sebrey, one of four men caught in the act of robbing the Brooklyn navy yard today, was shot and instantly killed by Private Milton. Sebrey's companions escaped.

PRICE REFINED OIL CUT CENT GALLON

Cleveland, Feb. 3.—The Standard Oil company today reduced the price on all grades of refined oil one cent per gallon.

Missouri Slayer Must Hang.
Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 3.—The supreme court, en banc, affirmed the judgment of the lower court which convicted William Rudolph of the murder of Detective Schumacher two years ago at Union, Mo., and sentenced him to be hanged on March 17.

ROOSEVELT EXPLAINS HIS PART IN SECTARIAN USE OF INDIAN FUNDS

Makes Public Communication From Attorney General
Moody—Knox's Opinion Held Secretary
of Interior Had Full Power.

Washington, Feb. 3.—At the cabinet meeting today Secretary Hitchcock took up the subject of the use of the Indian trust funds for the benefit of sectarian schools. It is said a statement will be issued in a few days regarding the matter.

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Roosevelt's connection with the diversion of Indian trust funds to support Catholic mission schools is explained and justified in a communication addressed to the president by Attorney General Moody which was filed today with the senate committee on Indian affairs by Rev. William H. Ketcham, director of the Catholic Indian missions.

Defended Bureau.
Ketcham appeared before the committee to defend his bureau against the charges that it had been using undue and political influences to secure

RUSSIA CANCELS HEAVY MAIL ORDER; BUSINESS FAIR EXCEPT IN SOUTH

New York, Feb. 3.—Branch offices of R. G. Dun & Co. at all leading cities of the United States report business progressing fairly satisfactorily except for weather disturbances that are expected at this season. Practically every cotton section except the south has improved steadily, but the effort to hold back cotton has seriously

COLLECT CUSTOMS "FLAGRANT, WILFUL AND CONTINUOUS"

United States Has Assumed
Charge of the Receipts of
Santo Domingo.

TREATY IS STILL PENDING
Ratification by Senate Desired at Once—
Finances of the Island to Be
Reorganized.

Santo Domingo City, Feb. 3.—Representatives of the United States took control of the custom house receipts Wednesday, in accordance with the terms of the protocol signed here Jan. 20. There has been no outbreak on the part of the opponents of President Morales yet.

Treaty Ready to Sign.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Negotiations of the treaty providing for the financial control of the island of Santo Domingo by the United States were concluded yesterday. The treaty will be signed at once and will reach Washington by the end of next week, perhaps being brought here by Commander A. S. Dillingham, of the naval office, sent to Assistant Minister Dawson in the negotiations. Commander Dillingham will come to this country in a man-of-war.

Wants Immediate Ratification.
It is a race on the part of the administration against time. The president does not want to wait until next fall during the proposed extra session of congress to obtain the ratification of the treaty. It is desired the treaty shall be ratified before March 4 in order to take effect.

JOHANN HOCH IDENTIFIED
One of His Wives Swears He Married
Her Under Another Name.

New York, Feb. 3.—Johann Hoch was identified by Mrs. Hary Hendricks, of Chicago, today as the man who married her on Jan. 2, 1904, in Hammond, Ind. Mrs. Hendricks said Hoch married her under the name of Jacob Schmidt and after three weeks he deserted her after she had given to him all her savings, \$500.

der that the United States may begin at once the regeneration of the Dominican finances.

Distrust Ends in Bank Run.
Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 3.—After withdrawing their deposits quietly for ten days, depositors yesterday afternoon started a run on the Lancaster Trust company. The bank was kept open until 6 o'clock to meet demands. It has \$500,000 surplus.

SIGNIFICANT REFORM PROGRAM SUBMITTED TO CZAR

Independence of Senate With Additional Powers Recommended to Give Relief to the Russian People—Committee of Ministers Reports.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The committee of ministers appointed by the czar to draw up a reform program to carry into effect the ukase of Dec. 25, it is stated, has made its report to the czar recommending:

1. Wider powers to the senate, enlarging its legislative initiative.
2. Forbidding ministers to exceed their legal powers by imperial ordinances.
3. Independence of the senate as opposed to all the ministers.
4. The creation of the office of president of the senate.
5. The establishment of lower courts connected with the senate.

Three Fundamental Points.
The committee of ministers, it is stated, distinguished three fundamental points as the basis for defense of the laws:

First—Prevention of violation of laws.
The committee also agreed upon the necessity of independence of the senate as opposed to all ministers and the

GRIPPENBERG RESIGNS: NOT PROPERLY SUPPORTED

AMERICAN FLEET
GOES TO UPHOLD
OUR NEUTRALITY

Paris, Feb. 3.—An official dispatch from Manila says an American squadron composed of 15 warships sailed today from the island of Luzon for southern waters of the archipelago with the object of maintaining neutrality in American waters both as to the Russian or Japanese fleets.

THE BIGGEST DAM

That Planned at Keokuk Will be
Largest Structure of
Kind in World.

BILL PASSED BOTH HOUSES

60,000 Horse Power Will be Devel-
oped and Cost Will be
\$3,500,000.

Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 3.—The Keokuk and Hamilton water power bill passed by the senate yesterday provides for the construction of the largest dam in the world, to cost more than \$3,000,000, and the money already is in sight. It will generate electricity for many Illinois and Iowa towns on the Mississippi river at the foot of the rapids here. The bill passed the house on Jan. 27.

The bill gives permission to a private corporation to build a dam at the foot of the rapids in the Mississippi between Keokuk and Hamilton, Ill.

60,000 Horse Power.
Capital stands ready to spend \$3,500,000 in developing the 60,000 horse power now going to waste in the rapids at Keokuk, in order to manufacture power at \$9 per horse power per year, against a cost of \$50 per horse power in coal burning engines.

Lyman E. Cooley, an engineer, drew the plans, which have been indorsed by the Transmississippi Commercial congress, leading members of congress, and by the Illinois legislature.

Senators Cullom and Allison also took great interest in the plan to harness the swiftest rapids in the Father of Waters and set its forces to work to turn the wheels in all the cities and towns within a radius of 40 miles of Keokuk.

A board of army engineers also took testimony at great length from expert river men as to the feasibility of the project. This board was composed of Col. Alexander Mackenzie, chief of engineers, United States army; Capt. William V. Judson, Capt. Edward Burr, and Capt. Charles McKenstry.

This board reported that the proposed dam "would not be an impediment to navigation, but would, upon the whole, be a benefit."

Benefits Many Cities.
Within the radius of 40 miles from Keokuk the following cities in Illinois are located: Hamilton, Warsaw, Nauvoo, Carthage, Augusta, La Harpe, Colchester, Macomb, Quincy, and Camp Point, all of them enthusiastic over the project. Keokuk, Fort Madison, West Burlington, Burlington, New London, Farmington, and Keosauqua in Iowa, are the cities which will be benefited.

MUST GIVE NOTICE OF STRIKE

Connecticut Senate Bill Aids to Prevent
Interruption of Service.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 3.—A senate bill by Prof. George D. Watrous of the Yale law school, designed to prevent interruption of public service by labor troubles, has been presented.

It provides that the employees of no corporation of a public nature shall strike for higher wages or a reduction in hours of labor without giving three days' notice, and compels corporations before reducing wages or increasing hours of labor to give three days' notice to employees. The bill was referred to the labor committee.

SIX EAST ST. LOUIS BUILDINGS BURNED

Damage of \$25,000 Done by Fire in
Largest Office and Store
Building.

East St. Louis, Feb. 3.—Six of the largest office and store buildings here were destroyed or badly damaged by fire early today. Several persons were injured. The loss was \$265,000, partially insured.

Report of Clash of Au-
thority With Gen.
Kuropatkin.

RUSSIANS IN TRAP

Consummate Generalship of
Enemy Caused Defeat in
Recent Battle.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—An unfounded rumor is in circulation that Lieut. Gen. Gripenberg has asked to be relieved of his command because of the alleged failure of Kuropatkin to afford him proper support in operations against Sandepas.

Capture, Then Loss.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The emperor has received the following from Kuropatkin:

"The Japanese during the night of the 31st attacked and captured Djan-tchenan on the left bank of the Hun river but were subsequently driven off with great loss. The Russian casualties were 100.

"The Japanese, after a severe cannonade reattacked our forces at Djan-tchenan at noon, Feb. 1, the Russians firing it retired, but ultimately reoccupied the village, although some of the outlying parts are still in the hands of the enemy."

Fell Into Trap.
Mukden, Feb. 3.—The impression is general among the Russian troops on the right flank that either Nodzu or Nogi was present at Sandiapu, where the Russians ascribe their greatest losses to cleverly concealed batteries behind the main works. The Japanese withdrew from their outposts at Sandiapu, which at one time the Russians occupied.

Orders to Retire Premature.
Gen. Mitschenko is still advancing and carrying out the flanking movement intending to cut the railway north of Liaoyang and was taking out order after outposts prisoners when the order to retire came.

Oyama Heard From.
Tokio, Feb. 3.—Field Marshal Oyama telegraphing yesterday reports that the extreme Japanese left holds the line along the Hun river with its extreme right established on the right bank. The main body of Russians after their defeat at Heikoutai retreated across the Hun river and occupied Niyupapo, Shufangtai and a portion of Changtan.

Wednesday the Russians began constructing defensive works in the neighborhood of those towns. The Russians made a series of small attacks on the right of the army and the left flank of the left army but were repulsed in each instance.

Russian Attempt Failure.
Oku's Headquarters, Jan. 30.—(Delayed.)—The Russian attempt to turn Oku's left flank has proved a complete failure. The Japanese were at Heikoutai but withdrew the small force from that place the Russians occupying the positions until they could move over enough men to make its recapture certain.

The recapture of this position was easily accomplished, although the loss is heavy. The casualties have not yet been reported but it is believed they will amount to fully 3,000.

The Russians had five divisions engaged at Heikoutai. They were driven back by less than two Japanese divisions.

Russian Force Strong.
Over 100,000 men were engaged in the Russian demonstration against the Japanese positions immediately east of Heikoutai. The force was strong enough to have been successful, as only about one Japanese division was sent against them. The Russian loss is estimated at over 4,000, although the prisoners say one regiment was practically annihilated. The Japanese loss is placed at 200, due to the fact that they remained in the trenches while the Russians were forced to cross the open ground, solidly frozen, where the construction of shelters trenches was impossible.

The Japanese suffered some disadvantages in the recapture of Yeigoutai. The weather was very cold during the fighting. The Russians retired well out of range with no sign of further activity.

Botrovsky Sails.
Jibutli, Feb. 2.—The division of the second Russian Pacific squadron commanded by Admiral Botrovsky consisting of four cruisers and three torpedo boat destroyers, sailed from here yesterday to join the warships commanded by Rojestvensky off the island of Madagascar. Eighteen German colliers will follow Botrovsky's division.